

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

June 1, 2009

6:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer. Members absent: Councilmember Rusty Gray. At this time, Mayor Garner explained the meeting procedures to meeting attendees and noted he would address any citizen's comments after the first item of business.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Addressed after the first item of business.)

IV. MINUTES (May 4, 2009)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (4-0). Councilmember Gray absent.

At this time Mayor Garner recognized Eric Jens, News Director of Gradick Communications, whom is leaving the Carrollton area to work in Rome, Georgia. Deputy Clerk Libby Duke read a Certificate of Appreciation honoring Mr. Jens and his work in the community. Mayor Garner then presented Mr. Jens with a Key to the City of Carrollton and wished Mr. Jens the best of luck in his future endeavors.

V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. 2009 State Champions Recognition

Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Chairperson Ann Fletcher presented a Certificate of Recognition to the following State Champions and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of Parks and Recreation Programs.

- A. Dajah Sheppard
 - 1. 7-8 Year Old 100 Meter Champion
 - 2. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 100 Meter Relay Team-Champion
 - 3. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 400 Meter Relay Team-Champion
- B. Tamya Windom
 - 1. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 100 Meter Relay Team-Champion
 - 2. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 400 Meter Relay Team-Champion
- C. Erin Mabry
 - 1. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 100 Meter Relay Team-Champion
 - 2. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 400 Meter Relay Team-Champion
- D. Savannah Levett
 - 1. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 100 Meter Relay Team-Champion
 - 2. Member 7-8 year old 4 x 400 Meter Relay Team-Champion
- E. Dushaunte Holloway
 - 1. 7-8 year old 50 Meter Champion
 - 2. 7-8 year old 200 Meter Champion
- F. Kevin Swint (absent)
 - 1. 7-8 year old Boys Softball Throw Champion

The Mayor and Councilmembers personally congratulated each champion and expressed their appreciation for their hard work.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Spidey Lee, 125 Jamey Court, suggested the City place the previous months recycling pick up totals on each months water bill. The Mayor and Council agreed it was a good idea and would look into implementing the suggestion.

2. Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department - Annual Report

Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Chairperson Ann Fletcher presented the 2008 CPRCAD Annual Report. Chairperson Fletcher remarked on the professionalism of the department which was reflected in the annual report. Chairperson Fletcher stated that not only was the report providing valuable data, but was placed in an attractive and colorful format and expressed appreciation to all CPRCAD staff members for their hard work on the report.

3. Request to Rename Richards Park to Grace Park

Chairperson Fletcher reported that the Recreation Commission had unanimously voted to recommend to the Mayor and Council that the City honor the memory of Mrs. Grace Richards by renaming Richards Park to Grace Park. Mayor Garner stated he had personally known Mrs. Richards and felt the request was very appropriate. Mayor Garner also noted that Mrs. Grace Richards was Councilmember Maierhofer's grandmother.

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to rename Richards Park to Grace Park. Motion passed (4-0) Councilmember Gray absent.

4. Main Street By-Laws Addendum(s)

City Manager Coleman presented amendments to the Main Street By-Laws. City Manager Coleman reported that the majority of the suggested amendments can be categorized as "good housing keeping" as they reflect current practices within the Main Street Department and Board of Directors. City Manager Coleman reviewed the proposed changes: (as follows)

- Language in accordance with State Main Street Accreditation
- An increase in minimum attendance requirements for Board members from eight (8) meetings a year to nine (9) meetings per year
- Committee groups reduced from five (5) members to two (2)
- Emergency expenditures of funds without Board approval from \$100 to \$500.

There being no further discussion, **Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve Main Street By-Laws Addendum(s) as presented. Motion passed (4-0) Councilmember Gray absent.**

5. FY 2009-2010 Operating Budget (Public Hearing)

CM Coleman briefly reviewed the proposed FY 09-10 Budget for the City of Carrollton. CM Coleman pointed out that the General Fund Budget has decreased from \$19,350,218 to \$17,482,829, or 10%, in order to balance with anticipated revenues for the upcoming fiscal year. It does not anticipate any increase in the millage rate. CM Coleman noted that this year's budget process had been extremely difficult to construct and could not have been done without the positive support and guidance of the Mayor and Council, along with each and every department's hard work and willingness to move forward during this extreme economic downturn. Mayor Garner opened the public hearing to receive citizen input on the FY 2009-2010 Budget.

Comments: Mr. Spidey Lee, 125 Jamey Court, asked several questions regarding the proposed Budget. These questions were addressed by Finance Director Jim Triplett. Mr. Lee voiced complaints about Keep Carroll Beautiful.

There being no further comments, Mayor Garner announced the 2009-2010 Budget would be considered for adoption at the next meeting of the Mayor and Council. At this time,

Councilmember Maierhofer requested the Council consider moving the next Council Meeting to July 13, 2009, since the regularly scheduled meeting will fall after a holiday weekend. Councilmember Maierhofer noted she would be out of town the weekend of the 4th of July. The Mayor and Council agreed to reschedule the meeting.

6. Appointment (1) - Historic Preservation Commission

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to reappoint Neilia McCarthy to an additional term on the Planning Commission (term expiring 05/01/12). Motion passed (4-0), Councilmember Gray absent.

7. Appointment (1) - Redevelopment Authority

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to appoint Mark Foster to fill the expired term of Curtis Costley on the Redevelopment Authority. (term expiring 12/31/11). Motion passed (4-0), Councilmember Gray absent.

VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd: Councilmember Byrd reported that due to budget cuts to the CAFI program, the end of the year party lacked funding. Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to City Manager Coleman for soliciting financial assistance and personally contributing funds so CAFI children could enjoy an end of the school year party. In addition, Councilmember Byrd inquired as to the possibility of placing the lighting in the downtown parking deck on a timer. CM Coleman advised that he would check into the matter.

Councilmember Maierhofer: At this time, Councilmember Maierhofer expressed appreciation to City Staff and all employees of the City for their efforts in reducing the budget.

VII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.